Amendment and Response
Applicant: Rachel Kuller et al.

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INKJET MEDIA DEVICES

## REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 14, 2004, in which claims 12 and 26 were allowed, and claims 14-16 were rejected. With this amendment, new claims 31 and 32 have been added, and claims 12, 14, 15, and 16 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 12, 14-16, 26, 31, and 32, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

## Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin in view of Pausel et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,075,721.

With this Amendment, independent claim 14 has been amended to clarify that the method includes applying an adhesive tape to a selected one of said first side and said second side, wherein the adhesive tape includes a double-sided adhesive film and a backing sheet removably adhered to the adhesive film.

With respect to the IBM and Pausel et al. references, neither of these references, individually or in combination, teach or suggest a method of producing a label, as claimed in amended independent claim 14.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claim 14 is patentably distinct from the IBM and Pausel et al. references and, therefore, is in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 15, 16, 31, and 32 further define patentably distinct claim 14, Applicant submits that dependent claims 15, 16, 31, and 32 are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 15, 16, 31, and 32 be allowed.

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## Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12 and 26 are allowed.

Applicant appreciates the indicated allowance of claims 12 and 26. Applicant has amended claim 12 to clarify Applicant's invention. Applicant submits that claim 12 remains patentably distinct from the art of record.

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## CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 12, 14-16, 26, 31, and 32 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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